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Applicant: Yanase, et al.  
Title: GASKET WITH TAPERED SLANT FOR USE IN A PRE-FILLED SYRINGE AND PRE-FILLED SYRINGE  
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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Art Unit 3746  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Applicant provides this paper in response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2005. A Petition for Extension of Time for one (1) month is also submitted.

Please amend the application as follows.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 5 of this paper.

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